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SUBJ: VISA FACILITATION: MULTIPLE ENTRY POLISH VISAS FOR TEACHERS
AT AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WARSAW

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1. FOR SOME TIME, WE HAVE TRIED TO ARRANGE FOR MULTIPLE-ENTRY POLISH VISAS FOR THE AMERICAN CITIZEN TEACHERS AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WARSAW. SUCH VISAS WOULD HELP THESE TEACHERS AND THIER FAMILIES WHO TAKE OCCASIONAL TRIPS IN AND OUT OF POLAND DURING SCHOOL RECESSES. UP TO NOW, THEY HAVE HAD TO OBTAIN NEW SINGLE-ENTRY VISAS WHEN THEY PROPOSED TO LEAVE POLAND FOR THESE SHORT TRIPS.

2. ON DECEMBER 29, WE ASKED VICE-DIRECTOR MICKIEWICZ OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SUCH MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS FOR THE TEACHERS. HE PROMISED TO REVIEW THE MATTER WITH THE PROPER AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE US.

3. ON JANUARY 13, VICE-DIRECTOR MICKIEWICZ TELEHPONED THE CHIEF OF THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION TO SAY THAT THE POLISH AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARED TO ISSUE MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEARTO THE AMERICAN CITIZEN TEACHERS OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WARSAW ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY.
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HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS NOT NOW AN INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED STATES EQUIVALENT TO THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WARSAW. WHILE HE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT THE POLES PLANNED TO OPEN SUCH A SCHOOL IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, HE DID SAY THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WANTED TO BE SURE THAT THEY WOULD GET THE SAME KIND OF VISAS FOR TEACHERS IN SUCH A SCHOOL IF THEY WERE TO START ONE.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE LONG SOUGHT MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS FOR THE TEACHERS AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF WARSAW. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN NOW FINALLY GET THEM. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUGGEST THAT THE POLES INTEND OPENING SUCH A SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS THEREFORE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SPECULATE WHETHER ANY TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN SUCH A SCHOOL WOULD CARRY DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE PASSPORTS OR WHAT THEIR EXACT RELATIONSHIP TO THE POLISH GIVERNMENT WOULD BE. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT COST FACTORS ALONE WOULD LIMIT THE POLES TO A SINGLE SCHOOL, VERY LIKELY IN WASHINGTON. WITH POLISH AS THE PRESUMED LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION, WE SUPPOSE THE PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL WOULD BE LIMITED TO CHILDREN OF POLISH OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN ASSIGNED FOR A REGULAR TOUR IN THE UNITED STATES. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THAT IT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FOR ANY TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHOM THE POLES WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND TO THE UNITED STATES TO STAFF ANY FUTURE POLISH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OF POLISH DIPLOMATS OR BUSINESSMEN ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED STATES.

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